

SETA

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Highlights

- **Office of Discretionary Programs**
- **Grants and Initiatives**
- **High Growth Job Training Grants**
- **Prisoner Reentry Initiative**
- **Base Realignment and Closure**
- **Hurricane Katrina**

Discretionary Grants – 142 Grants

• Earmarks	58	\$ 32,245,512
• High Growth	17	\$ 23,918,404
• H1B	8	\$ 19,481,491
• Faith-Based	22	\$ 1,838,319
• NEG	36	\$170,448,528
• Youth	12	\$174,276,872
• WIG	16	\$ 8,802,799
• STW	1	\$ 36,097,220

High Growth Job Training Grants

- **A strategic effort to prepare workers to take advantage of new and increasing job opportunities**
- **Specific industries identified**
- **Builds on partnerships between economic development, business and industry, and educators**

High Growth Job Training Initiative

- **Region 3 currently has responsibility for 17 grants and others have been awarded that are the responsibility of the national office**
- **Region 3 investment is more than \$23 million**

Identified Industries

- **Health Care**
- **Information Technology**
- **Biotechnology**
- **Geospatial Technology**
- **Automotive**
- **Retail**
- **Aerospace**
- **Advanced Manufacturing**
- **Construction**
- **Transportation**
- **Hospitality**
- **Financial Services**
- **Energy**
- **Homeland Security**

Department of Labor

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Launch 6 Super Loki Rockets

Interface with Civil Air Patrol
Jr. ROTC, Incumbent Workers, and New
Hires

METEOROLOGICAL ROCKET (PWN-10D)

SUPER LOKI METEOROLOGICAL ROCKET, ONE OF THE TYPE SYSTEMS LAUNCHED FREQUENTLY FROM COMPLEX 47 LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 500 FEET EAST OF THIS POINT. THE ROCKET DEPLOYS AN INSTRUMENT AT ALTITUDES ABOVE 200,000 FEET (61KM) TO MEASURE WINDS, TEMPERATURE AND OTHER HIGH ALTITUDE ATMOSPHERIC DATA.









Lesson Learned

- **BE FLEXIBLE**

LESSON LEARNED

- **Be Patient**





Lesson Learned

- **We are small potatoes in a very big garden**

5000 jobs restructured?

- **Shuttle Program being retired.**
- **Atlas , Delta programs slow growth**
- **Many Retirees**
- **New Work methods demand new skills**

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
Project Genesis

**ANY
QUESTIONS?**





Youth Offender High Growth Job Training Grants

- **Another part of the High Growth Job Training Grants**
- **Will serve youth who are currently being held in juvenile correctional/detention centers**

Youth Offender High Growth Job Training Grants

- **Serve youth who have been sentenced in juvenile court to probation or alternative sentences**
- **Does not include youth sentenced in the adult criminal system or youth who are at-risk**

Base Realignment and Closure Commission

BRAC 2005

Milestones in Process

- **September 8, 2005 - BRAC transmitted recommendations to President**
- **September 16, 2005 - President concurred with and sent the report to Congress**
- **45 legislative days to accept or reject the report in its entirety**
- **BRAC actions will become final between September and December 31, 2005**
- **April 15, 2006 – Commission terminates**

Potential Impact Region 3

State	Affected Facilities	Net Gain or Loss
Alabama	18	+2,664 Fed. Civ. & Contracted
Florida	13	+2,757 Military
Georgia	14	+7,423 Military
Kentucky	9	-3,658 Military
Mississippi	9	-1,678 Military Fed. Civ. & Contracted
North Carolina	9	-422 Military & Contractual
South Carolina	7	+709 Military
Tennessee	6	+1,088 Military, Fed. Civ. & Contracted

Top Four Selection Criteria

- **The current and future mission capabilities**
- **The availability and condition of land, facilities, and associated airspace**
- **The ability to accommodate contingency and mobilization**
- **The cost of operations and manpower implications**

Other Considerations

- **Potential costs and savings**
- **Economic impact on existing communities**
- **The ability of the infrastructure of communities to support forces, missions, and personnel**
- **The environmental impact**

BRAC Planning Grants

- **Alabama \$1,000,000**
- **Florida \$1,000,000**
- **Georgia \$1,000,000**
- **Kentucky \$300,000**
- **Mississippi \$250,000**
- **North Carolina \$1,000,000**
- **South Carolina \$500,000**

Hurricane Katrina – H.R. 3761 Flexibility for Displaced Workers Act

- **Use of Grants for Projects Outside Disaster Area**
- **Expanded Eligibility for Disaster Relief Employment**
- **Authorization for General Public Sector Employment**
- **Extension of Duration of Disaster Employment**

Hurricane Katrina – Flexibility for Displaced Workers Act – H.R. 3761

- **Priority for Disaster Relief Employment Funds**
- **Flexibility for Needs-Related Payments**
- **Use of Available Funds**
- **Expanded Eligibility for Employment and Training**

H. R. 3761

- **Use of Grants for Projects outside Disaster Area**
 - **Allows NEG funds to states for addressing the effects of Hurricane Katrina to be used to provide disaster relief employment in areas outside of the disaster area**

H.R. 3761

- **Expanded Eligibility for Disaster Relief**
 - **Allows NEG funds to be used to provide disaster relief employment and other WIA assistance or public sector employment to individuals affected by Hurricane Katrina, including those who have relocated from the disaster area who were unemployed at the time of the disaster, or who are without employment history, in addition to those who meet WIA eligibility requirements.**

H.R. 3761

- **Authorization for General Public Sector Employment –**
 - **Limits temporary general public sector employment to not more than 6 months in addition to disaster relief employment**

H. R. 3761

- **Extension of Duration of Disaster Employment**
 - **Authorizes Secretary of Labor to extend employment for up to an additional 6 months due to extraordinary circumstances**

H.R. 3761

- **Priority for Disaster Relief Employment Funds**
 - **Allows any state, with Secretary's approval to use NEG funds to assist workers affected by Hurricane Katrina, including those who have relocated from the disaster area**

H.R. 3761

- **Eligibility for Needs-Related Payments**
 - **Authorizes use of NEG disaster funds for Needs-Related Payments to individuals who do not qualify for or have ceased to qualify for unemployment compensation and who are not employed in an NEG project for the purpose of enabling such individuals to participate in WIA core, intensive and training services**

H.R. 3761

- **Use of Available Funds**
 - **Allows the Secretary to approve state reprogramming of any NEG funds that remain available for expenditure within a state to provide assistance to workers affected by Hurricane Katrina including those who have relocated from the disaster area.**

H.R. 3761

- **Expanded Eligibility for Employment and Training Activities**
 - **Secretary may award an NEG grant to an entity to provide employment and training assistance to workers affected by Hurricane Katrina including those who have relocated from the disaster area**

Hurricane Katrina Response

- **Mississippi \$50 Million Threshold Amount**
 - **\$16.66 Million Initial Increment**
- **Alabama \$4 Million Threshold Amount**
 - **\$1.33 Million Initial Increment**
- **\$3 Million H1B grants to Mississippi and Alabama**
- **\$3 Million NEG grants to FL, NC, and GA**

Hurricane Katrina Regional Update



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Alabama



Alabama

- **Counties Affected - Baldwin, Choctaw, Clarke, Mobile, Sumter, and Washington**
- **Substantial number of evacuees from Mississippi and Louisiana**
- **\$4 million Disaster NEG**
- **\$1.5 million SBR to increase UI capacity – make improvements**
- **\$3 million H-1B grant**



Mississippi



Counties Affected

- **52 Mississippi counties were affected by the Hurricane.**
- **Influx of evacuees from Louisiana**
- **\$20.7 million to increase UI capacity – to rebuild and replace lost property**
- **\$50 million Disaster NEG**
- **\$3 million H-1B grant**



Mississippi – Coastal Restoration

- **Initial emphasis on restoring its services on the coast**
- **With help from Florida and Kentucky 6 claims taking and reemployment facilities were operational along the coast by September 12, more sites than existed before the storm**



Coastal Restoration - continued

- **Mobile facilities were brought in to provide housing for agency staff and to provide services for the victims**



Claims Taking

- **Call centers were actually established for telephone initial claims by September 12**
- **By September 16 there were 134 telephone operators taking calls with 8 managers. These included a facility at Southern Research Company in addition to MDES staff.**
- **These were consolidated into a single facility by September 28**



Hours of Operation

- **Telephone operations to extended to 2 eight-hour shifts, 6:00 am-2:30 pm and 2:30 pm to 11:00 pm.**
- **Internet application was fully deployed and a large scale public notification was launched on September 19.**



Remote Call Centers in Other States

- **Additional claims taking capacity came on line on September 17 as North Carolina began taking claims using the Internet application that had been developed since the hurricane struck. In the first three days of this operation, North Carolina took 1,000 Mississippi claims using Mississippi's 1-800 number and the Internet process.**



Remote Call Centers in Other States

- **As of September 20 all calls were being answered without wait times or busy signals**



Assistance

- **With assistance from the Atlanta Regional Office, Mississippi quickly added Florida, Iowa, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania**



On-Site Assistance From Other States

- **Florida brought 4 mobile units and staff to help with coastal service restoration.**
- **Kentucky provided 2 mobile units.**
- **In addition, Florida Wisconsin, Georgia, South Carolina, Virginia, Illinois, Maryland, Tennessee and Kentucky have provided staff to assist Mississippi on-site**



Disaster Claims Activity

Cumulative Through September 28, 2005

	Disaster Related Initial Claims	DUA Initial Claims	Disaster Related IB		
			AL	MS	LA
AL	7,115	1,875		1,000	1,782
FL			2	1,666	4,751
GA			3,218		
KY				38	332
MS	31,236	22,118			
NC			1	155	1,156
SC			2	104	680
TN			2	242	1,985



ETA RESPONSE ACTIVITIES

Hurricane Jobs Site:

<http://www.jobsearch.org/katrinajobs>

- **H1B Grants**
- **Reintegration Counselor Initiative**
- **Disability program Navigators**



REGION 3 NEW PHONES

- **Regional Administrator:**
(404) 302-5300
- **Systems Support:**
(404) 302-5308
- **Discretionary Programs:**
(404) 302-5332
- **Workforce Support:**
(404) 302-5355
- **Workforce Investment:**
(404) 302-5365



Questions?

